AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the water-supply unit comprises:

a water-supply tube connected at one end thereof to the steam generator for supplying the water into the steam generator.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the ~~water supply~~water-supply unit includes a steam tube having one end connected to the steam generator and the other end disposed in the tub, the end of the steam tube disposed in the tub ~~and the drum is~~being formed in the shape of a nozzle.

5. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, further comprising a gasket located between the tub and the casing to prevent leakage.

6. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 37, wherein the steam generator comprises:

an airtight pressure container connected to the water-supply tube and the steam tube between the water-supply tube and the steam tube;

a heater mounted in the pressure container for heating the water stored in the pressure container;

an inlet valve disposed between the water-supply tube and the pressure container for supplying the water into the pressure container; and

an outlet valve disposed between the steam tube and the pressure container for supplying the steam into the steam tube.

7. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the steam generator further comprises a water level sensor for sensing the amount of the water stored in the pressure container to control the operations of the inlet valve and the outlet valve.

8. (Original) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the steam generator further comprises a temperature sensor for sensing the temperature inside the pressure container to control the operation of the heater on the basis of the temperature inside the pressure container.

9. (Original) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the steam generator further comprises an automatic pressure switch for stopping the operation of the heater when the pressure inside the pressure container is over a predetermined pressure.

10. (Original) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the steam generator further comprises an automatic temperature switch for stopping the operation of the heater when the temperature inside the pressure container is over a predetermined temperature.

11. (Original) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the steam generator further comprises a thermal insulator for shielding the pressure container.

12. (Original) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the pressure container comprises an upper container part forming the upper part of the pressure container, and a lower container part forming the lower part of the pressure container, the upper container part and the lower container part being attached to each other.

13. (Original) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the inlet valve and the outlet valve are pressure valves that can be opened or closed depending upon the pressure inside the pressure container.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 6, wherein the heater is horizontally disposed in the lower part of the pressure container so that the heater can be submerged under the water even when the water is supplied into the pressure container to the minimum water level.

15. (Original) The machine as set forth in claim 14, wherein the heater is an electric heater formed in the shape of a curved pipe.

16-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A steam drum washing machine comprising:

a casing;

a tub disposed in the casing and adapted so that water is supplied into the tub;

a drum rotatably mounted in the tub and adapted so that clothes are put in the drum and the water is supplied into the drum;

a steam generator to heat water to obtain steam and to supply the steam into the tub and the drum; and

a water-supply unit to supply the water into the tub and to the steam generator, wherein the water-supply unit includes:

a water-supply valve assembly to supply the water;

a detergent box assembly mounted between the water-supply valve assembly and the tub for storing a detergent; and

an auxiliary water-supply tube connected between the water-supply valve assembly and the detergent box assembly.

21-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the steam generator is disposed in the casing.

26. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the steam generator is disposed below the tub between the tub and the casing.

27. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the steam generator is disposed above the tub between the tub and the casing.

28. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the water-supply unit is disposed in the casing.

29. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the steam generator comprises:

a pressure container; and

a heater mounted in the pressure container for heating the water in the pressure container.

30. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 29, wherein the steam generator comprises a safety unit for preventing overheating of the heater.

31. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 29, wherein the pressure container comprises:

an upper container part forming the upper part of the pressure container; and

a lower container part forming the lower part of the pressure container.

32. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 29, wherein the steam generator comprises a thermal insulator for shielding the pressure container.

33. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 29, further comprising a temperature sensor to sense the temperature inside the pressure container, and the heater is

selectively operated based on the sensed temperature sensed by the temperature sensor for adjusting the temperature of the steam to maintain the steam at a predetermined temperature.

34. (Currently Amended) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the water-supply unit includes a steam tube having one end connected to the steam generator and the other end disposed in the tub, the one end of the steam tube connected to the steam generator is located higher then the other end of the steam tube disposed in the tub ~~and the drum~~.

35. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the water-supply unit includes a steam tube having one end connected to the steam generator and the other end disposed in the tub, and the machine further comprising a gasket located between the tub and the casing and wherein the end of the steam tube penetrates through the upper end of the gasket.

36. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 35, wherein the end of the steam tube disposed in the tub is formed in the shape of a nozzle.

37. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 20, wherein the water-supply unit includes a steam tube having one end connected to the steam generator and the other end disposed in the tub for supplying the steam into the tub and the drum.

38. (Previously Presented) The machine as set forth in claim 37, further comprising a gasket located between the tub and the casing and wherein the end of the steam tube penetrates through the upper end of the gasket.